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PROUDLY SERVING DEARBORN, JEFFERSON, OHIO, RIPLEY & SWITZERLAND COUNTIES IN INDIANA

INDIANA JUDICIAL DISTRICT 12

DEARBORN, JEFFERSON, OHIO, RIPLEY, SWITZERLAND

2002-2003 ANNUAL PRO BONO REPORT AND PLAN

This Annual Pro Bono Report and Plan is made pursuant to Rule 6.5 of the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct. The goals of this plan are as follows:

To enable Indiana attorneys to discharge their professional responsibilities to provide civil legal pro bono services;

To improve the overall delivery of civil legal services to persons of limited means by facilitating the integration and coordination of services provided by pro bono organizations and other legal assistance organizations throughout the state of Indiana;

To ensure statewide access to high quality and timely pro bono civil legal services for persons of limited means by (i) fostering the development of new civil legal pro bono programs where needed and (ii) supporting and improving the quality of existing civil legal pro bono programs;

To foster the growth of a public service culture within the Indiana Bar which values civil legal pro bono publico service;

To promote the ongoing development of financial and other resources for civil legal pro bono organizations in Indiana;

FOREWORD

Note to Reviewer:

In 2001, District 12 made the important decision to merge available funds with District 14. You will learn as you study the forthcoming report our reasons for uniting the programs. For purposes of this report, we thought it helpful that you know our programs are working as one. Reports submitted by Districts 12 & 14 will be similar in content as they are actually the result of a single mission and plan broken into two summaries. The programs share one plan administrator responsible for submission of the annual report.

The reports vary only when we attempt to relay dissimilarities of the programs. District 12 and 14 differ somewhat in their progress as the District 14 program was in process prior to Rule 6.5 and has developed more quickly because of its head start.

We wish to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Cordially,

Legal Volunteers Districts 12 & 14 Advisory Boards

Respectfully Submitted,

Judge Ted R. Todd, Chairperson Legal Volunteers District 12

LEGAL VOLUNTEERS OF DISTRICT 12 ANNUAL REPORT

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Legal Volunteers of District 12– Let's review our progress!

"...to volunteer legal time and talents assuring the poor, elderly and disabled representation within our legal system" is the mission of Legal Volunteers of Judicial District 12 in Indiana. Simple but complete, this statement summarizes the spirit of our pro bono program. Legal Volunteers traces its roots to the flourishing pro bono delivery system formed first in 1994 by the Floyd County Bar Association, District, in coordination with then known as Legal Services Organization of Indiana. Utilizing this model the five counties of District 12 are working to assure that our approach attains the Rule 6.5 hallmarks as outlined namely, centrality of client needs, direct representation, accountability, continuity.

In 2001 District 12 advisory board determined the need to expedite the appointment of an administrator to fulfill the responsibilities of the program. A person dedicated to the day-to-day mission as articulated in Rule 6.5 was a must for our program to proceed. With financial constraints a defining factor to this appointment, the board rendered the critical decision to coordinate efforts and funds with District 14. Nancy Reschar was appointed to administer the similar programs of Districts 12 & 14. This was a logical marriage of resources as both districts have programs formed with a like referral agent, Indiana Legal Services, Inc. Both districts are primarily rural in character and problematic areas of law are similar. The districts are geographically adjacent making travel by one administrator possible. The union of funding has proved to be a foundation for growth in both districts.

The core of our current pro bono delivery is coordination with Indiana Legal Services, Inc., who refers cases they cannot consider or accept because of regulations, conflicts, or lack of resources to the Legal Volunteers. Our plan administrator then carefully analyzes each case and seeks to match clients with legal associates according to area of law and geographic location. At every opportunity we recruit new volunteers to assist the growing numbers of eligible clientele. As our marketing tools propagate word of our program, the need for volunteers swells.

In plan years July 2001/June 2002, District 12 made significant progress in developing an identity for the program. We have a name, a mission, a recognizable logo¹ and educational brochures². Tools for the future! We are creating a positive, nurturing environment for our deserving clients and a program in which our volunteers proudly serve.

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¹ See Appendix 1 – Logo/Letterhead

² See Appendix 2 - Recruitment Brochure, Client Brochure (see back pocket of report)

Integral to our program's success are our ongoing efforts to publicize our service to our potential clients and then recruit legal volunteers to advise and represent this public. In spring 2002 we appreciatively participated with Indiana Legal Services, Inc. in a priorities setting forum³. This forum not only served as a tool to identify the needs of the poor in District 12, it provided numerous social service organizations an introduction to our program. Our aforementioned client brochures are hot off the press and distribution will further inform potential clients our availability.

In accordance with the expected increase of clientele, we have developed an attorney recruitment brochure. Ongoing and special recruitment events are a never-ending aspect of our plan.

In the fall of 2002, District 12 will organize its first volunteer recognition event. Relaying our mission and successes is a great tool!

Identifying the needs of our clients is a priority and the more uncomplicated part of the pro bono puzzle. One only needs to log and categorize referrals to see that the problems of the poor in District 14 are rooted soundly in family law issues. As a function of our ongoing record keeping and monitoring of client issues, the advisory board is provided an analysis of client issues monthly along with the district's success in referring the cases⁴. This conclusion was reinforced at our priorities forum this spring, 2002. Divorce issues far out number all other issues and all too often issues of abuse are involved. Other family issues include custody and visitation. Also common to District 12 are issues of the elderly and the disabled. These issues often include housing and debt management.

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³ See Appendix 3 - Priorities Forum Report, Pictures

⁴ See Appendix 4 – Sample Case Log

Legal Volunteers District 14 – Our Board Volunteers

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Legal Volunteers District 12 – Our Governance Plan

The Legal Volunteers of Judicial District 12 Advisory Board currently consists of eight members. Our chairperson, The Honorable Ted R. Todd, has agreed to a second three-year term. As seen above membership leans appropriately to our legal community. Also serving is Mark Robinson, Esq. a representative of ILS and the state pro bono commission.

District 12 Advisory Board meets on a quarterly basis. The plan administrator is in communication with the chairperson and appropriate board members during interim periods for special needs and projects.

Our History

Judicial District 12 includes counties Dearborn, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland in southeastern Indiana. Jefferson and Dearborn counties are complemented with both populated and rural areas, providing advantages of litigation access due to more dense populations. The remaining three counties of our district are more rural in character. The 2000 U.S. Census figures indicate that 10.6% of Switzerland County families fall within federal poverty guidelines. Access to justice takes on new meaning in rural districts where litigators are not so numerous and transportation is not readily available.

In 1994 the Floyd County Bar Association developed the pro bono delivery system that serves as the foundation of our current program. Subsequently, the Clark County Bar Association joined forces with Floyd County to form the program in existence when the Rule 6.5 Committee was formed.

Appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court as our first chairperson, The Honorable Ted R. Todd unselfishly endeavored to broaden the scope of the preexisting program utilizing his vision and influence in District 12. He went about the task of assembling a diversified and qualified advisory board to implement the spirit of Rule 6.5. Decision was made by this board to establish the program utilizing Indiana Legal Services, Inc. as our fiduciary and our 501 c (3) affiliate in the initial stages of our program formation. Trademarks of Judge Todd's first three-year governance in District 12 pro bono efforts are organization of planning sessions to set a foundation for future growth, adopting a flourishing program model for District 12 pro bono formation, board member selection and solicitation, and pioneering the means to acquire a dedicated administrator.

From its outset, District 12 has coordinated efforts with Indiana Legal Services, Inc. Utilization of their existing screening, monitoring and income/asset guideline structure serves as a logical and vital format from which our pro bono service receives its referrals. As our program has needed time to establish identities,

guidelines and procedures with limited personnel, the facilitation our accounting process by ILS procedures and systems is an excellent interim solution providing financial accountability to our funding sources.

District 12 Plan Administrator

Legal Volunteers of District 12 was not only aware that Rule 6.5 required the employment of a plan administrator, we soon became aware that the needs of a viable program required a dedicated administrator. Enormous effort was exhibited by our board members in the early states of development, but as with most of us, they all have real and cumbersome commitments in their professional and family lives. Dedication to referral detail, recruitment, funding, budgeting, etc. by a strictly volunteer organization is not practical for the long term.

Likewise District 14, our neighboring district, sought a financial solution that would allow adherence to Rule 6.5 and serve their community more uniformly. Consequently, the union of District 12 & District 14 was undertaken. Legal Volunteers of Judicial Districts 12 & 14 was spawned. In August of 2001 a Plan Administrator was appointed to handle the destiny of the newly formed union.

Nancy Reschar was appointed to the position of administrator with responsibilities to the committee as follows:

Coordination with Indiana Legal Services

Client Intakes, Referrals, Communication and Case Followup Including Associated Clerical Detail

Maintain Client/Attorney Data Bases

Facilitate and Account for Litigation Restricted Funds

Attorney Recruitment, Retainment, Data Base, Education, Case Coordination

Funding, Proposal Writing, Grant Followup and Reporting

Budget & Spending

Marketing Program

Organize, Facilitate and Report all Board and Committee Meetings

Coordination with Social Service Organizations

Policies & Guidelines

One day per week set aside for intake assistance to ILS

Bar Association Presentations

The Plan Administrator position is funded with IOLTA Grant Funding.

Monitoring the Progress of our Program

Quality of our Service

The District 12 Advisory Board depends principally on reporting practices of the administrator to monitor the progress and success of the program. The administrator outlines developments and progress at board meetings. These developments are documented in meeting minutes.⁵

In his position from the bench, Judge Todd is able to monitor workings of the program via client and attorney input. Good news or bad our judges have access to community response and convey that input to the board/committees on a regular basis.

In addition, the plan administrator has developed two evaluation forms that are sent to clients and attorneys when cases close⁶. These evaluations request information regarding program performance, accessibility, accountability and quality. Often thoughts and ideas from these evaluations form program guidelines to make us better in the future. Attorneys tend to let us know their guidelines for pro bono service. All of these viewpoints help form the pro bono deliverance our legal volunteers are willing to offer.

Quantifying our Services

Current Legal Volunteer Enrollment by county:

Dearborn	10
Jefferson	9
Ohio	1
Ripley	5
Switzerland	3

TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT JUNE 30, 2002 – 287

CLIENTS SERVED JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002 - 34

Attributing pro bono hours to a specific timeframe is somewhat difficult; however, we are asking our attorneys to detail pro bono hours by case and by year. In future we hope to report pro bono hours by calendar year regardless of the year the case was referred. Reported pro bono hours for 2001 case referrals are 75.7. This does not include hours expended in 2001 on prior year case referrals.

⁷ See Appendix 7 – Participating Attorney List

⁵ See Appendix 5 -Sample Meeting Minutes

⁶ See Appendix 6 - Case Evaluations

Identifying and Coordinating Similar Services Within our District

An array of social services is available in all of our district counties; however, providing access to justice is a service accomplished by a limited organizational base. Prior to the establishment of the pro bono delivery of legal services, Indiana Legal Services was the only organized effort in all of District 12. It is a well-known fact that their resources cannot begin to assist or advise the large number of persons in poverty. Their involvement in the earliest Floyd County Bar Association pro bono program evidences their coordination and support of the program. We continue to work hand-in-hand with ILS.

Without saying, pro bono delivery of legal assistance to the poor is an everyday occurrence among our legal community. Especially in the outlying counties, attorneys have given of their time and talents to assist the poor. One of our tasks is to educate these legal volunteers to the benefits of an organized program and recruit them to our legions.

District 12 in Indiana is primarily made up of rural communities dotted throughout our beautiful sprawling countryside. Jefferson & Dearborn Counties are the most densely populated counties. As we do not experience the congestion of innercity population density, legal services to the poor are not abundant. Indiana Legal Services, Inc., serves as the only organized legal aid to our communities. Our program is designed to compliment their services.

Unidentified by statistics is the numerous amount of pro bono work, especially in more rural areas, that is provided by our attorneys and the judiciary. In our recruitment efforts, we point out to these caregivers the benefits of enrolling in our organized effort such as ascertainment of eligibility, acknowledgement of adherence to Rule 6.5, client coordination and followup, a channel to fulfill your community obligation, but with the outlet to cordially deny service when not appropriate, etc.

Saluting our Gracious Funding Sources

Immeasurable is the in-kind donation of Indiana Legal Services, Inc. in the way of office space, office equipment, accounting services, supplies, administrator benefits package, malpractice insurance for our legal volunteers and invaluable legal support of the plan administrator.

District 12 Advisory Board acknowledges its responsibility to constantly pursue and challenge alternative funding sources to enhance program activities and alleviate total dependency on IOLTA funding. Our program has finalized its identity logo, mission, and educational brochures while attending to day-to-day operations thus far in 2002. In the second half of 2002 we will concentrate on our recognition and fund raising efforts.

EXISTING SERVICE/PROGRAM

Service/Program Name: <u>Indiana Legal Services, Inc.</u>
Mailing Address: 3303 Plaza Drive, Ste. 5, New Albany, In 47150
Phone:812-945-4123
Contact Person: Brian W. Dotts
Title: Office Manager
Sponsoring Agency:
Phone:
Agency Director:
Service/Program Information:
Target Population: Poverty population whose income falls 125% below the
poverty level
Eligibility RequirementsService Area: Based on federal poverty guidelines
Type of Service/Program:
Estimate of Expense per Year: \$280,347
Funding Source(s): Legal Services Corporation
Service /Program Description: Indiana Legal Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit
Organization dedicated to providing high quality legal representation and advice
to low income people

Legal Service Provider Annual Progress Report

<u>2001</u>

	Legal Service Provider
Screened Cases	1,434
Assigned Cases	682
Closed Cases	416
Declined Cases	752
Other Cases: (specify)	
Number of Attorneys	4

List Number of Cases of Each Type	Legal Service Provider
Consumer/Finance	126
Education	3
Employment	3
Family	331
Juvenile	8
Health	16
Housing	43
Income Maintenance	20
Individual Rights	4
Other*	9
Total Number of Cases	563

<u>District (12)</u> <u>Statistical Progress Report</u> <u>July 1, 2001 thru June 30, 2002</u>

	District Totals
Screened Cases	52
Assigned Cases	23
Closed Cases	23
Declined Cases	29
Other Cases: (specify)	
Number of Volunteer Attorneys	28

List Number of Cases of Each Type	District Totals
Consumer/Finance	
Education	
Employment	
Family	49
Juvenile	
Health	
Housing	
Income Maintenance	1
Individual Rights	
Other*	1
Total Number of Cases	52

District 12 Plans for 2003

Much has been achieved in District 12 with limited, dedicated staff. Much remains to be accomplished. With educational tools in hand and our program firmly in place, the remainder of 2002 will be dedicated to identifying our program to its target public, recruiting volunteers to assist with legal problems and seeking alternative funding sources.

In 2003 our objectives are to refine existing program procedures, continue exploring alternate funding sources, double efforts to make the availability of our program known. We also need to constantly recruit and educate our legal volunteers through presentations and networking, and seek to implement new opportunities to acknowledge and thank our legal service givers.

By way of special projects, we will endeavor to implement community forums utilizing our attorneys. We envision educational events regarding housing law, bankruptcy/debt counseling, will/estates, pro se proceedings, etc. Currently there is a vast resource in our legal community of attorneys who do not practice in day-to-day pro bono cases, but who are more than willing to speak and answer pressing legal questions in an open-forum setting. It is an important responsibility to recognize and utilize all of our resources.

Barriers Facing Access to Justice in District 12

The call of Rule 6.5 issues many challenges to Indiana pro bono programs. District 12 barriers to fulfilling the overwhelming mission of providing avenues to justice for the poor are as follows:

<u>Demographics</u> – District 12 includes five counties in southeastern Indiana. The counties are primarily rural and sparsely populated. Sprawling farmlands, grassy knolls, and wooded areas are the rule in the more than 1400 square miles of coverage area assigned to the District 12 Legal Volunteers Program. Nonexistent are large cities or heavily populated areas providing centrality of legal aid services. Our program must reach the masses as opposed to a district such as the Indianapolis area where people in poverty are more centralized and accessible. Reaching out to our target population poses our most significant barrier. This is an objective of the current year and future years until the program availability is widely known and accessible.

U.S. Census figures of 2000 verify the need to reach our families in poverty. District 12 averages 7.02% families-in-poverty rate. Switzerland County alone experiences a families-in-poverty rate of 10.6%. The need to reach both our target population and our volunteer base is vital as suggested by theses statistics.

In 2003 District 12 will utilize the educational tools developed in 2002 to reach out. Concerted efforts are planned to "take our show on the road". The Plan Administrator is housed in Floyd County. Our program is gaining in stature and recognized in Floyd and Clark County because of the administrator availability and the continuous accessibility to courts, attorneys and the judiciary. Presentations, delivery of educational materials, and networking in the far reaches of the District 12 rural counties are planned for 2003. There is a need to demonstrate to our legal volunteer base the structure, security and advantages of the pro bono program. We want their support and want them to know the ways we will support their efforts.

By the end of 2003 our program will reflect both an increase in our volunteer base in the rural areas of the district and an increase in awareness of our program. People in poverty who now cannot be assigned representation will have attorney resources available. We will focus on educating social service organizations who have contact with individuals who need pro bono legal assistance.

Costs associated with this barrier are reflected in the submitted budget in the areas of printing for educational brochures and increased travel expenditures for plan administrator and others assisting to recruit volunteers and alert our target public.

<u>Attorney Recruitment</u> – Never will there be sufficient volunteers to assist the poor. Each day meritorious cases are turned away with no referral available to allow their access to justice. District 12 acknowledges this as another of the ongoing barriers. Efforts to equalize volunteers to cases are another of the 2002 challenges that will be present in 2003 and thereafter.

Support of this disparity can be seen in the District 12 data illustrating screened cases vs. assigned cases. A more in-depth look at those statistics county-by-county again illustrates the need to concentrate efforts in our rural counties.

As a district we will be presenting our case at any venue available where an assembly of legal caregivers are convened. Contacts localized to communities are to be established and the assistance of local community leaders employed. Networking is seen as vital to recruitment efforts. Preparing board members to be constantly on the recruitment trail is another important ingredient to our success. Enlisting the active support of the judiciary is the most successful recruitment tool. A need to educate our rural judiciary clearly exists.

The expected result is an increase in our volunteer base. More precisely we expect an increase in our volunteer base in the rural areas. Very simply, an increase in attorneys accepting cases equates to the benchmark – an increase in the number of people in poverty realizing access to justice.

Costs associated with the realization of this benchmark includes an increase in printing and developing educational tools for recruitment, travel for those involved, and postage costs for mailings to prospective volunteers.

<u>Family Law Referral</u> – efforts of our judiciary. These new enrollees are given the opportunity to choose the type of case they will accept. Unfortunately, all to often, their choices are not in the areas of law most experienced by people in poverty. Educating our new and current enrollees to our program needs and providing avenues for them to accept family law cases is an objective for 2003.

District 12 statistics confirm that roughly 95% of the cases referred to our program are in the area of family law. Divorce, all too often with abuse issues, is our leader. Recruitment efforts in 2000/2001 communicated this message to its enrollee and they responded; however, renewed efforts to enroll more family law divorce and custody case assistance is a necessity to serve the needs of our target population.

Again we will educate our enrollees by way of presentation, networking and taking advantage of every opportunity to communicate this problem. Routine mail communications to our volunteers is a recommended action to convey the weakness and strengths of the program as well as its wants and needs.

It is a pleasure to witness the response to a sincere "cry for help". We expect our educational efforts and appeals to achieve a number of reconsiderations from our existing enrollees. New enrollees are encouraged to help in at least one area of family law. A measurable difference in the percentage of our volunteer base selecting the family law areas of need will be the benchmark for this barrier, again resulting in more cases referred, serviced and closed.

Costs associated with this action will be primarily printing and mailing. Development of a quarterly newsletter and its related printing/mailing costs are included in the budget request.

<u>Alternative Funding Sources</u> – Rule 6.5 defines an array of responsibilities for Indiana pro bono programs. Embracing the totality of the rule necessitates funding over and beyond that available through IOLTA. Expansion of the program requires constantly seeking alternative funding sources.

We know the statistics. We know the numbers of persons in poverty. We know their needs are different. Our data indicates different areas of law, different nationalities, different languages, different abilities to access help, etc. Our program approach in the future must diversify and expand to accommodate. The program will continue in 2003 to identify and make appeal to alternative

funding sources. Most beneficial in this area is the involvement of our board

members whose diverse backgrounds and responsibilities will enable our district to be successful. Again, our efforts will intensify in outlying counties.

Increased funding will secure our current program's future plus the luxury of new and innovative projects within the program. Again the benchmark will be seen by the number of people in poverty serviced by new and diverse approaches to accessing justice.

Time consumed by the administrator will be the primary cost of this benchmark. Also, a need for additional personnel might be required as the demand on time increases within the administrator position.

Here's How we Provide Support to our Legal Volunteers in District 12

X Providing intake, screening, and referral of prospective clients:

Our plan administrator currently assists Indiana Legal Services personnel with the intake process. Our procedure takes the administrator through Indiana Legal Services process screening for eligibility, merit of legal issue and best use of legal resources. After this process the cases referred to the pro bono program are then again screened in accordance with resource availability. Factors such as severity of impact on the family, likelihood of the applicant finding help elsewhere, and possibility of violent situations are weighed to make the best use of our limited volunteer base.

X Matching cases with individual attorney expertise, including the establishment of specialized panels:

Our volunteer attorneys are asked upon enrollment in the program to advise of their expertise and their preferred areas of law. Cases are assigned on the basis of that preference and on the basis of geographic accessibility for the client and the attorney.

X Providing resources for litigation and out-of-pocket expenses:

Creating a fund for litigation expenses is seen as a vital responsibility of the Legal Volunteers program. This fund serves as an incentive to our attorneys to offer legal representation on a scale equaling the paying client. Our clients gain from the benefits of a legal caregiver free to make expenditures for necessary legal costs.

X Providing legal education and training for pro bono attorneys in specialized areas of law useful in providing pro bono civil legal service:

To date we have offered no training or education for our legal volunteers. We have enrolled volunteers willing to mentor and assist other attorneys in areas of law or individual casework.

Educational seminars (CLE approved) are an objective project for our program in the future.

X Providing the availability of consultation with attorneys who have expertise in areas of law in which a volunteer lawyer is providing pro bono civil legal service:

Attorneys in our program and on our advisory board have volunteered and are registered to assist and mentor those unfamiliar with an area of law or new to the profession. Fortunately, we see a willingness of district attorneys to seek this assistance from colleagues on their own; however, we are able and willing to assist when called upon.

X Providing malpractice insurance for volunteer pro bono lawyers:

Again thanks to in-kind participation, our volunteer attorneys are covered by malpractice insurance carried by Indiana Legal Services. Currently no charge is made to our program for this coverage. This insurance is coverage for our probono casework only.

X Establishing procedures to ensure adequate monitoring and follow-up, and to measure client satisfaction:

After case referral, the plan administrator request periodic status from volunteers attorneys with regard to open cases. Clients are advised to contact the program administrator with questions and problems. Completion of evaluations forms is requested of clients and attorneys at case end to monitor the value of the attorney's efforts, the clients needs and eligibility and the overall program accessibility and performance. (see appendices)

X Recognizing pro bono civil legal service by lawyers:

District 12 plans an event in 2002 to recognize the fine work of their volunteer attorneys. The board acknowledges the importance of recognizing their caregivers and is seeking alternative avenues to make known the appreciation of the courts, the program and the clients.

BUDGET FORM - DISTRICT 12 - 2003

COST CATEGORY	IOLTA /OTHER \$	IN-KIND \$ ILS	TOTAL
A. PERSONNEL COSTS			
Plan Administrator	12,090		12,090
Employee Benefits	3,949		3,949
FICA EXPENSE	925		925
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	16,964		16,964
B. Non Personnel			
Travel	1,170		1,170
Training/Pro Bono Networking	390		390
Postage	390		390
Print/Publications/Misc Office	1,170		1,170
Litigation Fund	3,900		3,900
Dues/Fees	78		78
Malpractice Insurance	585		585
Accounting/Audit	195		195
Self-insurance Fund	400		400
Space Rental & Utilities		1,872	1,872
Equipment Acquisition/Lease		1,030	1,030
Consumable Supplied		234	234
Telephone		1,872	1,872
Computer Repair		164	164
Library		47	47
Printing		75	75
Acquisition of Property		94	94
Contract Services		94	94
TOTAL NON-PERSONNEL COSTS	8,278	5,482	13,760
TOTAL PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS	25,242	5,482	\$30,724
*Litigation Fund	3,900		
*Self-insured Reserve	400		

^{*}Reserves in this category are not required to be resubmitted to the IBF if not spent during the allocation calendar year.

Notes to Proposed Budget

Funding required to service budget outlined above - \$25,242

IOLTA Funding Request- \$21,342

Funding from Other Sources - \$3,900

Indiana Legal Services, Inc. has advised that their in-kind participation will not include payment of plan administrator benefits in 2003. Plan administrator salary and benefits package is included in this funding request.

Malpractice insurance and accounting line items have been added to support a transition to nonprofit independence by incorporating and seeking 501(c) 3 status in 2002.

List of Appendices

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- 2. Recruitment Brochure, Client Brochure (see back pocket of report)
- 3. Priorities Form Report/Pictures
- 4. Sample Case Log
- 5. Sample Meeting Minutes
- 6. Case Evaluations
- 7. Participating Attorney List

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Ten copies of the completed annual report and plan shall be submitted to: Jennifer Theresa Cloyd Konomos, Indiana Pro Bono Commission, 230 East Ohio Street, Fourth Floor Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Plans should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2002.

CHECKLIST FOR ANNUAL REPORT AND PLAN:

 Pro Bono Annual Report and Plan for current year pp. 1-20 (10 copies)
Proposed budget pp 18-19 (10 copies)
Legal Service Provider Annual Progress Report p.11 (10 copies)
District Annual Progress Report p.12 (10 copies)
Enclosures (10 copies)
 Disk in Word or Excel of all submitted materials or submission via e-mail at
probono@inbar.org

ANNUAL TIME TABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS AND CHECKS:

Checks distributed January 1:

January 31: IBF final grant progress report for previous year due June 1: IBF mid-year grant progress report due July 1:

Annual report, plan and grant application due to IPBC

November: Notification of awards

December 1: IBF grant agreement due and revised budget due (as needed)

Additional information concerning these instructions or the submission of a plan may be obtained from Jennifer Theresa Cloyd Konomos, Indiana Pro Bono Commission, 230 East Ohio Street, Fourth Floor Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 or by calling at 317-639-5465 or by e-mail at probono@inbar.org.